

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	Case No. 1:24-cr-6
)	
v.)	District Judge Travis R. McDonough
)	
ANTHONY L. WARD)	Magistrate Judge Christopher H. Steger

ORDER

U.S. Magistrate Judge Christopher H. Steger filed a report and recommendation (Doc. 33) recommending that the Court: (1) grant Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count One of the one count Indictment; (2) accept Defendant's guilty plea to Count One of the one count Indictment; (3) adjudicate Defendant guilty of possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); and (4) order that Defendant remain in custody pending sentencing or further order of this Court.

After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Steger's report and recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** the magistrate judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 33) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count One of the one count Indictment is **GRANTED**;
2. Defendant's plea of guilty to Count One of the one count Indictment is **ACCEPTED**;

3. Defendant is hereby **ADJUDGED** guilty of possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); and
4. Defendant **SHALL REMAIN** in custody until further order of this Court or sentencing in this matter which is scheduled to take place on **July 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

SO ORDERED.

/s/Travis R. McDonough

**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**